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1. WE HAVE DIFFICULTIES WITH PROPOSED PRESS STATEMENT WHICH WE BELIEVE TO BE TOO SPECIFIC. IN ITS PRESENT FORM IT DOES NOT PROVIDE PROPER BALANCE. IT SHOULD SHOW A MEMBERSHIP STILL DEVOTED TO ASSURING SECURITY OF THE REGION AND LOOKING BEYOND MILITARY PROBLEMS. AT SAME TIME, IT SHOULD AVOID WORDING WHICH COULD BE USED AS AMMUNITION BY CRITICS OF SEATO THAT WE USING TREATY TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL SEA AFFAIRS (E.G., PARA 2) AND THAT WE INTEND INCREASE SEATO AID (PARAS. 3 AND 9).

2. WE WOULD SUGGEST A MORE GENERALIZED, BRIEFER STATEMENT
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THAT SEATO COUNCIL MEMBERS MET SEPTEMBER 28 IN NEW YORK;

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THAT MENTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT; THAT REAFFIRMS MANILA PACT AND ITS BASIC PURPOSE OF PEACE IN SEA; THAT IN LIGHT OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN SEA DURING PAST YEAR, COUNCIL DECIDED TO RESTRUCTURE THE ORGANIZATION, SPECIFICALLY IT DECIDED TO INTEGRATE MILITARY AND CIVIL PERSONNEL, THAT TRADITIONAL SEATO MILITARY ACTIVITIES WILL BE REDUCED WITH SEATO PLACING GREATER EMPHASIS IN THE FUTURE ON RESEARCHING AND ANALYZING INSURGENCY PROBLEMS AND THEIR

RELATIONSHIP TO DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY AS THEY APPLY TO THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES; THAT WELCOMES MOVEMENT TOWARDS A PEACEFUL AND VIABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE INDO-CHINA CONFLICT; AND THAT CALLS ITS MEMBERS FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT IN AIDING THE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT IN INDO-CHINA.

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